

*****May 28, 2019*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a budget meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Dan Landrum
Vice Mayor Amy Speak
Councilmember Bill Lusk
Councilmember Susannah Murdock
Councilmember Robert Spalding
Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Town Attorney Harry Cash
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White
See attached list for others present

Mayor Landrum led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Mayor Landrum made a motion to suspend the regular agenda items. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

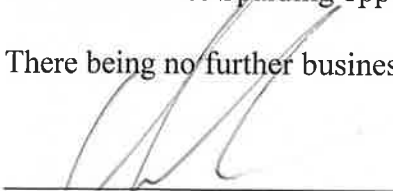
FY 2019-2020 Budget Discussion

Town Manager, Boyd Veal, presented the Council with an analysis of how the Town compares with other local municipalities. He provided review and comparison of services, allocation of resources, delivery of services, revenue trends, and a comparison of the proposed budget to past years.

Council further discussed various issues of the preliminary fiscal year 2019-20 budget. Mayor Landrum made a motion to remove the Youth Recreation Coordinator and associated expenditures and revenues from the budget for the purpose of allowing the Council to deliberate on it separately. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Council discussed the impact to residents of various suggested adjustments to services and revenue rate structures. Following extensive discussion, Mayor Landrum made a motion to cut the COLA to 2.5%, remove the salary adjustment for the Town Manager, and to not include any additional supplemental requests. In addition, the motion directed that staff revise the proposed sanitation fee to \$9.00/month and calculate the property tax increase to adequately fund the proposed budget as modified, and to have an ordinance prepared for first reading at the June 10th Council meeting. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Mayor Landrum, Councilmember Lusk and Councilmember Murdock in favor; and with Vice Mayor Speak and Councilmember Spalding opposed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Dan Landrum, Mayor



Recorder